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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

University of Connecticut  
Rome Commons Ballroom  
South Campus Complex  
Storrs, Connecticut

February 22, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. by Chairman Roger Gelfenbien. Trustees present were: James Abromaitis, Christopher Albanese, Louise Berry, James Donich, John Downey, Linda Gatling, Lenworth Jacobs, Claire Leonardi, Michael Martinez, Frank Napolitano, and Irving Saslow.

Trustees Louise Bailey, William Berkley, Michael Cicchetti, Shirley Ferris, Theodore Sergi, Richard Treibick, and Anne George, who represents the Governor's Office, were absent from the meeting.

University Staff present were: President Austin, Chancellor and Provost for University Affairs Petersen, Executive Vice President Deckers, Vice President for Institutional Advancement Allenby, Vice President for Financial Planning and Management Aronson, Vice Chancellor for Business and Administration Dreyfuss, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Triponey, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education Steele, Assistant Attorney General Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General McCarthy, Dr. Schurin, Dr. Wetstone, and Ms. Locke.

All actions taken were by unanimous vote of the Trustees present except as otherwise noted.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Ms. Leonardi, **THE BOARD VOTED** to go into Executive Session at 11:10 a.m. to discuss matters that would result in the disclosure of public records described in Section 1-19 (b) of the Connecticut General Statutes. The Chairman noted that on the advice of counsel only staff members whose presence was necessary to provide their opinion would attend Executive Session.

Trustees present were: Abromaitis, Albanese, Berry, Donich, Downey, Gatling, Gelfenbien, Jacobs, Leonardi, Martinez, Napolitano, and Saslow.

President Austin, Executive Vice President Deckers, Vice President for Institutional Advancement Allenby, Vice President for Financial Planning and Management Aronson, Health Center Chief Financial Officer Upton, Health Center Chief of Staff Carlson, Health Center Associate Vice President for University Medical Group Grab, Health Center Director of Planning, Network Development and Managed Care McManus, Assistant Attorney General Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General McCarthy, Dr. Schurin, Dr. Wetstone, and Mr. James Walter were present for the discussion. Attorney Robert Reif from the law firm of Epstein Becker & Green, P.C., was also present.

Executive Session ended at 12:10 p.m. and the Board returned to Open Session at 1:05 p.m. Trustees Cicchetti and Treibick participated by telephone. Assistant Attorney McCarthy left the meeting at this time. Attorney Anne George, who represents the Governor's Office, joined the meeting at this time.

**A. The Report of the Chairman** included the following items:

Chairman Gelfenbien congratulated the men's soccer team for their outstanding achievement as the 2000 winners of the NCAA Men's Soccer National Championship. Chairman Gelfenbien introduced

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Athletic Director Lew Perkins, who thanked the Board for its recognition. Mr. Perkins introduced Head Coach Ray Reid, who thanked the Board and gave a brief statement about the team. Trustee Saslow read the following resolution in honor of the men's soccer team.

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE  
UCONN MEN'S SOCCER TEAM**

**WHEREAS,** The University of Connecticut men's soccer team has displayed great character and perseverance and has demonstrated the merits of performing to the limits of one's ability;

**WHEREAS,** The University of Connecticut Division of Athletics and the soccer coaching staff have reflected the University's commitment to excellence in academics and athletics and have worked unstintingly to bolster our sense of pride in the University;

**WHEREAS,** The University of Connecticut men's soccer team has brought great credit and recognition to the University and to the State while winning the 2000 NCAA Men's Soccer National Championship;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees hereby recognizes these outstanding achievements and expresses its gratitude for these positive and outstanding contributions to the University and the State of Connecticut; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy sent to the men's soccer team.

On a motion by Mr. Saslow, seconded by Mr. Napolitano, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the resolution.

Chairman Gelfenbien presented Head Coach Reid with a framed resolution and a recognition plaque. Head Coach Reid introduced the student-athletes, assistant coaches, and team managers, each of whom was presented with a University pen. Head Coach Reid warmly thanked the Board members for their support and good will. He acknowledged the team's hard work and commitment to excellence.

Chairman Gelfenbien acknowledged the support of the American Association of University Professors, including their most recent gift to the Lodewick Visitors Center.

The following member of the public addressed the Board on the topic noted:

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| • Ed Marth, Executive Director                | University Budget |
| American Association of University Professors |                   |
| • Stacy Visconti, President, Delta Gamma      | Greek Housing     |
| • Rocky Vera, President, Fraternity Council   | Greek Housing     |

When provided, copies of individual public statements are attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

Chairman Gelfenbien welcomed Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor Stanley F. Biggs as a University Senate representative to the Financial Affairs Committee for the semester. He will serve in the place of Professor Maureen Croteau who is on sabbatical.

1. On a motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Mr. Treibick, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the minutes of the meetings of November 9, 2000 and January 24, 2001.

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2. On a motion by Ms. Leonardi, seconded by Mrs. Gatling, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the following items listed on the Consent Agenda as follows:
- (a) On a motion by Ms. Leonardi, seconded by Mrs. Gatling, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the Contracts and Agreements for Storrs and the Health Center. (Attachment 1)
  - (b) On a motion by Ms. Leonardi, seconded by Mrs. Gatling, **THE BOARD VOTED** to amend the policy regarding Contract Signing Authority. A revised copy was presented as a handout. (Attachment 2)
  - (c) On a motion by Ms. Leonardi, seconded by Mrs. Gatling, **THE BOARD VOTED** to authorize the conveyance, to the University of Connecticut Alumni Association, Inc., for the consideration of \$1.00, of a parcel of land consisting of .11 acres, located approximately southeast of the current Alumni House, for the purpose of constructing an addition to the Alumni House. (Attachment 3)
  - (d) On a motion by Ms. Leonardi, seconded by Mrs. Gatling, **THE BOARD VOTED** to release conditions 1 and 2 from a deed recorded on July 17, 1939, from the State of Connecticut to W. Harrison Carter and Joan L. Carter, both prospectively and retroactively. (Attachment 4)
  - (e) On a motion by Ms. Leonardi, seconded by Mrs. Gatling, **THE BOARD VOTED** to rename the Postsecondary Education Disability Unit within the Neag School of Education, to the Center on Postsecondary Education and Disability. (Attachment 5)
  - (f) On a motion by Ms. Leonardi, seconded by Mrs. Gatling, **THE BOARD VOTED** to rename the Center for Health Systems Management within the School of Business Administration, to the Center for Health Care and Insurance Studies. (Attachment 6)
  - (g) On a motion by Ms. Leonardi, seconded by Mrs. Gatling, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the change of the name of the major, "Health Systems Management" within the School of Business Administration, to "Health Care Management." (Attachment 7)
  - (h) On a motion by Ms. Leonardi, seconded by Mrs. Gatling, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the establishment of a Master of Science in Chemistry as a degree of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, to be offered at the Avery Point Campus. (Attachment 8)
  - (i) On a motion by Ms. Leonardi, seconded by Mrs. Gatling, **THE BOARD VOTED** to contract with the University of Connecticut Health Center Finance Corporation, on behalf of the UConn Medical Group, to enter into a lease with Simsbury Medical Associates for approximately 1,512 square feet of rentable space on the main floor of the Medical Office Building at 381 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury. (Attachment 9)

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- (j) On a motion by Ms. Leonardi, seconded by Mrs. Gatling, **THE BOARD VOTED** to authorize the University of Connecticut Health Center to enter into a three year six month lease agreement, commencing March 1, 2001 through August 31, 2004, with one five year option to renew, with New Boston Fund for Suite 173 at The Exchange, Farmington, for the purpose of providing additional administrative office space for the Correctional Managed Health Care operations currently located at The Exchange. (Attachment 10)
  - (k) On a motion by Ms. Leonardi, seconded by Mrs. Gatling, **THE BOARD VOTED** to authorize the University of Connecticut Health Center, on behalf of its Correctional Managed Health Care (CMHC) program, to enter into an agreement with a to-be-determined vendor for the provision of on site Dialysis services at various Connecticut Department of Corrections (DOC) sites. The cost of this program is not to exceed \$850,000 over the 15 month life of the agreement. (Attachment 11)
  - (l) On a motion by Ms. Leonardi, seconded by Mrs. Gatling, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the adoption of the Policy concerning Extra Compensation for faculty. (Attachment 12)
  - (m) On a motion by Ms. Leonardi, seconded by Mrs. Gatling, **THE BOARD VOTED** to designate Ronald C. Schurin as the Board of Trustees staff representative to the Canvassing Board for the Election of the Alumni Trustee. (Attachment 13)
3. On a motion by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Ms. Leonardi, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the list of sabbatic leaves. Background information listed as Attachment 14 is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.
- B. **The Report of the President** included the following items:
- 1. President Austin recognized the achievements of newly appointed deans Laura Dzurec in the School of Nursing, David Woods in the School of Fine Arts and Nell Jessup Newton in the School of Law.
  - 2. The President introduced Dean Newton, who gave a brief report on the Law School's most recent endeavors. Dean Newton reported that the Insurance Law Center has become recognized both nationally and internationally. The Intellectual Property Program is gaining momentum and the School plans to develop a clinic where students will be able to represent entrepreneurs and provide advice about business start up. In addition, the School will be receiving a \$50,000 donation from a class action lawsuit in order to establish a workplace disability clinic that will focus on mediation instead of litigation.
  - 3. President Austin reported that the hotel project has been delayed due to weather and permit issues but the hotel is expected to be open in September.
  - 4. He also noted that all of the new apartment beds, except those reserved for graduate students, have been claimed and will be available for fall 2001.

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5. The President reported that freshman applications are up 8%, SAT averages have increased by a few points and student diversity has reached 9%. There was a particularly significant increase in out-of-state applicants.
6. He made reference to previous communications to the Board on the new corporate alliances with United Technologies Corporation, General Electric, and Aetna.
7. President Austin reported that last week he, Chancellor Petersen, and Executive Vice President Deckers gave testimony before the Joint Appropriations Committee regarding this year's capital budget, and noted that the Board received copies. He expressed his appreciation for the Legislature's continued support for UCONN 2000, the new research wing at the Health Center, and the football stadium. During the hearings, President Austin emphasized the importance of the University's academic progress, increased enrollment, and continued support of private donations and also expressed his concern that the administration's proposed budget will negatively impact the University's progress. President Austin noted that he will be meeting with the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee for Higher Education and will also be meeting with individual members of this committee as well as with members of the House and Senate leadership. He remains hopeful that the University will receive some restoration of its original proposal. President Austin expressed concern that a lack of support from the Legislature will inhibit the University's ability to solicit donors of Ray Neag's stature. President Austin assured the Board that he will continue to campaign for support and will provide periodic updates.

Chairman Gelfenbien welcomed Deans Newton and Woods.

C. Trustee Martinez presented Vice-Chair Treibick's **Report of the Institutional Advancement Committee**, which included the following items:

1. Mr. Martinez reported that the Institutional Advancement Committee met on Tuesday, February 20, 2001 in Stamford. The Committee reviewed the progress of the Alumni Association's 2000-2005 Strategic Plan. The Committee also evaluated the success of the University's Strategic Communications efforts and received a progress report on the University's development efforts. Discussion focused on external factors responsible for inhibiting the programmatic and membership growth of Alumni Relations. The Alumni Board is committed to reevaluating its bylaws to address these issues. The Committee requested a 15-month plan designed to build and to propel the University's alumni relation's program into one of the top programs in the nation.
2. The Committee also discussed the progress of the University's Communications Strategic Plan. The Committee believes that this plan has played an integral part in the University's national image and the recent success in student recruitment. The next phase of the plan involves an external review that will focus on market research, ongoing communication with current students, and the use of the Web.
3. Mr. Martinez reported that Vice President Allenby presented a progress report on development activity. He directed Trustee attention to the Development Progress Executive Summary in Attachment 21, which summarizes recent development activity. It is expected that the University will reach a cash flow of \$40 million by the end of the fiscal year.
4. Mr. Martinez noted that the Capital Campaign kick-off is scheduled for May 3, 2001.

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Trustee Donich underscored the importance of the Alumni Association's efforts and initiatives.

Chairman Gelfenbien commended the progress that the Alumni Association has made and encouraged continued efforts to implement new initiatives.

D. Vice-Chair Berry's **Report of the Academic Affairs Committee** included the following items:

1. Vice-Chair Berry reported that the Academic Affairs Committee met this morning. The Committee heard a presentation on the Performance Measures Report. She encouraged all Board members to review this report carefully. The Committee also approved a Master of Science in Chemistry, to be offered at the Avery Point Campus.
2. Vice-Chair Berry directed Trustee attention to a resolution at their places regarding the appointment of this year's Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors. She noted that this is the University's highest academic honor. This year's designees include: Carl David Benson (English), Robert K. Colwell (Ecology), Ruth G. Millikan (Philosophy), Steven L. Suib (Chemistry), and John F. Veiga (Management). A copy of the handout is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

On a motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Mr. Downey, **THE BOARD VOTED** to add to the agenda the recommendation of the Distinguished Professor Selection Committee and designate the following faculty members as University of Connecticut Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors: Carl David Benson (English), Robert K. Colwell (Ecology and Evolutionary Biology), Ruth G. Millikan (Philosophy), Steven L. Suib (Chemistry), and John F. Veiga (Management).

On a motion by Mrs. Gatling, seconded by Mr. Abramaitis, **THE BOARD VOTED** to accept the recommendation of the Distinguished Professor Selection Committee and designate the following faculty members as University of Connecticut Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors: Carl David Benson (English), Robert K. Colwell (Ecology and Evolutionary Biology), Ruth G. Millikan (Philosophy), Steven L. Suib (Chemistry), and John F. Veiga (Management).

Chairman Gelfenbien congratulated the faculty and noted that the University will hold a special reception on April 4, 2001 to honor these individuals.

3. Vice-Chair Berry noted that the final item on the Committee's report was the Final Draft of the University Outlying Parcels Master Plan. This report was previously brought before the Board and sent back to the Committee for additional review. A key point is that the Board retains the authority and decision-making over the development of University property. Vice-Chair Berry noted that the Plan and the Executive Summary should be reviewed in terms of recommendations and guidelines for long-term development of the University's property. The Plan provides the Board with guidance, but does not commit the Board to making final decisions on property that may be affected by changing priorities in the future.

The Committee also discussed the development of the road through the North Campus parcel. There have been concerns regarding whether or not it would help or hinder development of that property as outlined in the Master Plan. Vice-Chair Berry reiterated that the Plan provides good guidelines and it is likely that this Plan will serve the University for many years. She emphasized that the Plan does not impose strict requirements for land development, but offers recommendations for future opportunities.

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On a motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Dr. Jacobs, **THE BOARD VOTED** to accept the Final Draft, the University of Connecticut Outlying Parcels Master Plan, including the Agricultural Area, North Campus, and the Depot Campus. This document identifies opportunities for potential future development in these outlying parcels.

Background information listed as Attachment 15 is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

Trustee Downey raised concerns regarding the development of a road through the North Campus parcel, which would create a new access way to North Eagleville Road and the Lodewick Visitors Center from Route 44. He noted that a new road would create new traffic patterns but would serve to utilize the Visitors Center as it was intended. The road would also enable the University to carefully consider other ways to utilize the land in this area. Trustee Downey suggested that the Board develop a time frame and consider sources of adequate funding. He asked that the Board outline a plan within the next year.

Trustee Downey also suggested that the Board consider building a golf course either at the Depot Campus or on the North Campus parcel. He noted that a golf course would be a welcome addition to the Athletic Program and would be enjoyed by the entire campus community. He also noted that Yale and Cornell have golf courses on their campuses. This suggestion should not be considered an immediate priority, but should be addressed in the next few years.

Chairman Gelfenbien asked if there was funding appropriated for the development of the road. Vice President Aronson responded that many years ago there was a bond authorization, which has been withdrawn. The University received a year ago one-time assistance in terms of a settlement to free up the land.

President Austin responded favorably to Mr. Downey's suggestions regarding the road. He noted that the University is committed to completing the road and to developing the land in this area. The University has been advised to obtain environmental approvals for the parcel of land before any discussion can begin about development. It is important that this parcel be viewed not only as an academic enhancement, but also as a location for important economic development.

Trustee Abromaitis, who is also Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, noted that he and his staff met with representatives from the University regarding development opportunities for the area formerly known as "UCEPI." The Department's main concern is to identify a parcel of land that is feasible and is utilized to attract appropriate research development to the University. Because of past issues, it is imperative that the land be deemed viable and ready for development before the University solicits any new ventures. Mr. Abromaitis also raised the issue of adequate sources of funding for these projects. He confirmed that once environmental approvals are granted, and public concerns and community issues are dealt with, then the University can begin discussing development opportunities with the Department of Economic and Community Development.

E. Vice-Chair Jacobs's **Report of the Financial Affairs Committee** included the following items:

1. Vice-Chair Jacobs reported that the Financial Affairs Committee met twice since the last Board meeting. This morning the Committee approved the resolution amending the Sixth



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Supplemental Indenture to reallocate Fiscal Year 2000-2001 General Obligation Bond Proceeds, which is presented in Attachment 16.

On a motion by Mrs. Berry, seconded by Ms. Leonardi, **THE BOARD VOTED** to amend the Sixth Supplemental Indenture to reallocate Fiscal Year 2000-2001 General Obligation Bond Proceeds.

Background information listed as Attachment 16 is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

2. The Committee discussed a resolution authorizing certain reallocations of bond authorizations, which is presented in Attachment 17. This resolution will allow the University some flexibility for budget adjustments as projects are completed. Vice-Chair Jacobs noted that the options are: 1) to allow the administration the ability to vary the budget up to 5% with subsequent Board approval and, 2) to schedule more frequent Board meetings, if necessary, so that reallocation requests are approved quickly.

Trustee Cicchetti asked why the Board could not hold a special telephone meeting prior to a reallocation of funds.

Vice-Chair Jacobs responded that this resolution would provide the administration with the necessary flexibility to quickly deal with budget adjustments up to 5% and then obtain subsequent Board approval. This authorization also calls for additional Board meetings in order to obtain immediate approval of these issues.

Trustee Cicchetti raised concerns about this proposal and recommended that the Board have sufficient time to review and discuss each proposal.

Chairman Gelfenbien asked if the issue was 5% of the project cost. Vice-Chair Jacobs responded that it was up to 5%.

Vice-Chair Jacobs noted that this morning the Committee discussed the planning for the remaining 4 years of the UCONN 2000 projects, which are nearing completion. He noted that many of the spending authorizations are also coming to a close. This proposal only addresses up to 5% of the final project adjustments not the major portion of the projects.

Chairman Gelfenbien suggested that the administration notify Vice-Chair Jacobs if the project will exceed the amount budgeted.

Trustee Cicchetti asked what would Vice-Chair Jacobs' responsibilities be upon notification.

Chairman Gelfenbien responded that if Vice-Chair Jacobs had concerns, then he could call a special meeting of the Financial Affairs Committee. This will keep the Board members closely involved in the process. Trustee Cicchetti responded that he was uncomfortable with the proposal.

On a motion by Ms. Leonardi, seconded by Mrs. Gatling, **THE BOARD VOTED** to authorize certain reallocations of bond authorizations. Those opposed to the proposal were: Trustees Cicchetti and Treibick.

Background information listed as Attachment 17 is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

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3. Vice-Chair Jacobs reported that the Committee approved the accelerated plan for residence hall renovations, which is presented in Attachment 18. At the Board's November 9, 2000 meeting, the Board directed the administration to propose an accelerated plan for the installation of sprinkler systems in all campus residence halls. With this plan, there will be no loss of access to students and the plan addresses adequate fire safety, student access, and fiscal viability.

On a motion by Dr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Abromaitis, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve an accelerated plan for completion of fire safety renovations in campus residence halls, specifically to ensure that sprinklers are installed and operational for 95 percent of all beds by the start of the semester in August 2003, in accordance with the completion schedule.

Background information listed as Attachment 18 is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

F. Vice-Chair Leonardi's **Report of the Health Affairs Committee** included the following items:

1. Vice-Chair Leonardi reported that the Health Affairs Committee met several times since the last Board meeting. Since the approval of the latest quarterly report, the financial status at the Health Center has improved. Performance is consistent with the budget and is expected to end the fiscal year in line with budget. Vice-Chair Leonardi emphasized the constant diligence and continuing cost cutting efforts, which have been very difficult. The Governor's budget proposal places additional challenges at the Health Center, because it does not provide additional funding for the strategic plan or to invest in technology.
2. Vice-Chair Leonardi introduced Executive Vice President Peter Deckers, who presented an update on grant funding at the Health Center. Executive Vice President Deckers noted that other institutions around the nation have recognized the School of Medicine's innovative and responsive medical education curriculum. The pressures of health care financing are taking their toll on physicians and on the ways they will have to practice medicine in the future.

Executive Vice President Deckers reported that funding from federal agencies and other grant sources increased by \$10 million last year. As of January, funding has increased by \$6 million over last year.

Executive Vice President Deckers reported that every aspect of clinical care has increased. The Health Center has provided increased services for in-patients, ambulatory care, the physicians group, operations, and consultations. The Health Center has been very responsive through one of its community programs, Signature Health.

Executive Vice President Deckers acknowledged the hard work by everyone at the Health Center. He noted the most critical financial issue that remains is not being reimbursed for clinical services, which is characteristic of all teaching hospitals and academic health centers. Despite this problem, the Health Center is expected to be on budget by the end of the fiscal year.

3. On a motion by Mr. Donich, seconded by Mr. Jacobs, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve the notification of the proposed changes in Article V of the *University of Connecticut Laws and By-Laws*.

Background information listed as Attachment 19 is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

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Vice-Chair Leonardi directed Trustee attention to the Governance Restructuring Proposal in Attachment 19. This proposal consists of background information regarding suggestions to improve the oversight and governance at the Health Center. Over a year ago, the Health Affairs Committee requested that management put together a working group on governance, which consists of 17 individuals from within and outside the Health Center. This group provided the Health Affairs Committee with a set of recommendations, which has formed the foundation of the proposal that is before the Board. Vice-Chair Leonardi noted that the proposal is a slightly modified version of the original proposal. She also noted that PricewaterhouseCoopers has conducted an audit and has also evaluated the governance structure. They concluded that the Health Center management is not subjected to level of oversight that is typical of the health care environment. Excerpts from their report are also included in Appendices A and B.

The proposed by-law changes recommend that an expanded Board be created that has strong ties to the University and would increase fiscal responsibility and accountability at the Health Center. In addition, the plan would also implement a subcommittee structure to address these issues in more detail. Vice-Chair Leonardi directed Trustee attention to Appendix C of the proposal, which lists considerations to be used in selection of Board members.

Ms. George asked if there was discussion about whether this proposal required a legislative change. Ms. Leonardi confirmed that legislative approval is needed.

Trustee Napolitano asked for clarification regarding the sentence on page 3, which states, "To provide the BoT with strong input on the UCHC budgets and shared financial issues, two non-UConn BoT members of the BoD will be appointed as voting members of the BoT Financial Affairs Committee." He asked what the implications would be for the members of the Financial Affairs Committee. Trustee Napolitano also asked why two members of the Board of Trustees could not serve on the Finance Committee instead of two non-members of the Board.

Trustee Leonardi responded that originally the working group proposed that the new Board of Directors of the Health Center retain budget authority, which was reconsidered. The proposal stated that the Board of Directors was to retain enough authority to have fiscal accountability and to also attract a certain kind of Board member. It is important that members of the Board of Directors understand the organization and its overarching priorities. Trustee Leonardi asked that Board members relay their comments or concerns to Mr. Carlson prior to the next Board meeting.

Trustee Napolitano asked Assistant Attorney General Shapiro if two non-voting members could serve on the Financial Affairs Committee and have voting privileges.

Assistant Attorney General Shapiro responded that under the current By-Laws this is not permissible. If the statutes are amended, then it becomes a policy decision.

- G. Trustee Saslow presented Vice-Chair Bailey's **Report of the Student Life Committee**, which included the following items:
1. Trustee Saslow reported that the Committee met on January 31, 2001. The Committee viewed a video, which highlighted student perspectives on their experiences and which also presented a discussion with a student panel. The Committee also discussed and unanimously approved the Greek Housing Project. The Board will receive an update in April.

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2. Trustee Saslow asked the Board to approve the following changes in the Student Trustee Election By-laws:

On a motion by Mr. Donich, seconded by Mr. Albanese, **THE BOARD VOTED** to approve revision of Student Trustee Election Committee By-laws.

Background information listed as Attachment 20 is attached to the file copy of the Board minutes.

Trustee Saslow commended Mr. Donich and Mr. Albanese on their efforts to change legislation regarding student representation on the Board.

Trustee Donich noted that he and Trustee Albanese have been concerned about two graduate students serving on the Board simultaneously. In effort to bring more equal representation, Trustee Donich and Trustee Albanese and other law students drafted a statutory change. Trustee Donich lobbied for this change over the last several months and gave testimony before the Education Committee several weeks ago. This statutory change has been attached to the Higher Education Bill. If approved by the Legislature, the change will affect next year's election. The students that will run will be from the undergraduate schools and be elected by undergraduate students. The following year the election will be held for the graduate schools, which include the law, dentistry, medicine, and social work, and will be elected by graduate students. Chairman Gelfenbien commended their efforts.

Chairman Gelfenbien announced that the next regular Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 12, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. at the University of Connecticut Rome Commons Ballroom (South Campus Complex) in Storrs. Chairman Gelfenbien encouraged all members to attend the Trustee Faculty Dinner following the Board meeting on April 12, 2001.

There being no further business appearing, the Board meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Louise M. Bailey  
Secretary